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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 21, 2000, applicants present the following remarks. Claims 1-27 are pending in the applications. Claims 1-20 and 24-27 stand allowed. Claims 21-23 stand rejected. Claims 21-23 and 28 are presented for review and consideration on the merits. Applicants present herewith a Notice of Appeal.

CLAIM AMENDMENT

21. (Amended) An article of manufacture for preserving a cell sample of limited cell number comprising:
a container holding [less than 2 ml of] the medium according to claim 20
and wherein the volume of the medium is less than 2 ml; and
a lid fitting said container.